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Sir

Pursuant to the Duty to Disclose under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the reference cited on the accompanying form PTO/SB/08A is hereby brought to the attention of the Examiner for independent evaluation. A copy of the foreign reference is enclosed. This document was cited during prosecution of a corresponding Russian patent application, and a concise explanation of relevance follows:

SU 259054

The document discloses a reactor for conversion of hydrocarbons comprising a first duct for feeding a hydrocarbon mixture and a second duct for feeding oxygen, said first duct housed in said second duct, said second duct comprising a swirling device to give a swirling motion to a fluid which crosses it.

The submission of the listed document is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not

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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed document be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the present application and that an initiated copy of form PTO/SB/08A be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Certification

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(c)(2), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$180 fee for filing this Information Disclosure Statement, along with any deficiency in fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

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